LYNCHED!

Total number persons lynched from July 26, 1887 to July 26, 1889. 2

Aug. 17 Colored man, St. Martin La.
" " " Drakes Branch Va
" 30 John Turner Fayetteville, West Virginia. 1
Colored boy near Boykins Depot S C He touched a white woman lightly with a switch. His body riddled with bullets
Sept. 1 Colored man roasted in Wayne Co., 1
" 4 Colored boy near Atlanta Ga. 1
" 5 Colored men, Leflore Co., Miss 100
" 10 Frank Stack and Dave Boone Morgantown, N. C. 1
Walter Ashbury, Pooler Ga. 1
Louis Mortimer, charged with being an accessory in a murder near Clarksville, Miss. 2
Sol Purnell at Winona, Miss. 1
Oct. 2 Ransom Gordon, at Abbeville, Ga, 1
Oct. 25 Joe Harial, Columbus, Miss,
" 13 Wm Moore, Jessup, Ga.
Nov. 8 Owen Anderson, Leesburg Va 1
" 21 Robert Bland, Prince George County, Va. 1
" 25 Bill Hughes, Abbeville, Ga. 1
Nov 26 Colored boy, Lincolnton Ga 1
Dec. Robt Biggs, Lake View Tenn 1
" 16 Peter Johnson, Billy Hopps, Albert Harper, Dan Jacobs, —— Calvin, —— Fluett, —— Schuler and 3 unknown colored men at Jessup, Ga. 10
Dec. 28 Ripley Johnson, Michael Adams Peter Bell, Rafe Norrell, Hugh Furse, Hudson Johnson Robert Phœnix, Judge Jones, at Barnwell, S. C. 8
Feb. 28 Brown Washington, Morgan County, Ga. 1
Bill Allen, Witherford Irving and Oscar Folks in Mercer County, W. Va., 3
March 21 Robert Mosely near Huntsville Ala., 1

Total number lynched, 387

"Shall this barbarity continue, until the God of retribution martials his strength against the barbarians?"

THE WADDILL—WISE CONTEST.

THE SCENE IN THE HOUSE.

How Georgie Came Marching Home.

As Hon. Geo. D. Wise was forward in denouncing Congress for ousting him, terming them robbers, we cite the speech of Mr. Cooper of Ohio. It seems that all hands—including Mr. Wise himself agreed that he was not honestly elected.

Mr. Speaker, All the difference there is between the two sides of the House is the difference between the resolution of the majority of the committee and that offered by the distinguished gentleman on the other side, which reads:

Resolved, That the seat now held by George D. Wise as Representative in the Fifty-first Congress from the third Congressional district of Virginia be and the same is hereby, declared vacant.

That is what the contestee seems to desire. I have heard of a man who once went about the village requesting some one to kick him, and complaining because he could not find anybody to do so. It seems that the contestee in this case is desirous that by the unanimous voice of this House he shall be turned out, and complain lest we will not agree to it.

Up to a certain point the majority and the minority of this committee agree.

We agree, first, that there was an election in the Third Congressional district of Virginia in November, 1888, at which nearly 31,000 votes were cast, and that of the votes received and counted the sitting member had an apparent majority of 261. And we all agree that during that election there were such practices and when the sun went down on that day and the polls closed there were such conditions in existence that this contestee was not fairly and honorably elected, and therefore has for more than thirteen months enjoyed the emoluments and the rights of membership in this House which were nothing more nor less than the usufruct of an election which was not fair and lawful, and which ought not to prevail; and we all agree that he should be put out.

MR. WISE'S PREDICAMENT.

I agree with him on that. His proposition and request here that he shall be put out I enthusiastically indorse and I trust that it will receive the unanimous vote of the House. (Laughter.)

I once heard a gentleman arguing a proposition in the supreme court of the State of Ohio, and after repeating the facts up to a certain point he said to the court: "Up to this point the parties are in accord; from this point forward they begin to prevaricate" (Laughter)

From this point forward in this case friends on the other side begin prevarication. We say that there was an election there on that day, and that not only was this man not elected, but that the people did then and there select a man to represent them, and that it would be a monstrous outrage to leave this seat vacant and to leave this constituency unrepresented in this House.

If this man had any pretense of election. If there were not practices there which compel the learned, able, and honorable but intensely Democratic gentlemen who compose the minority of the committee to admit unwillingly that he is not entitled to the seat, they would never have made any such report here as they have. But they agree that the contestee was not elected, and as when but two men are voted for it is fair to presume one of them was elected, the presumption is the contestant was elected.

As I said, sir, the single issue is not whether the contestee was elected, for everybody agrees he was not; the inquiry is, was any man elected? Was the contestant Judge Waddill, elected? We say beyond all question, under the testimony and the rules governing the case, he was.

THE FRAUD IN JACKSON WARD.

It is practically conceded—at least the testimony establishes beyond any reasonable doubt—that when the polls closed upon that day there were between five and six hundred men in line who were in every sense of the word legally qualified voters in their respective precincts, many of whom had been there during all the weary hours of that livelong day, from early dawn until the sun went down upon them in their unavailing efforts to exercise a freeman's right—who had been there all that long day with tickets in their hands which they had a lawful right under the Constitution of this Republic to cast and upon every one of which was the name of my friend, Judge Waddill, for Congress; and that they were not permitted to cast those votes by the unfair, the fraudulent practices of the officers of the election, of men whose duty it was, not to prevent voters from casting their ballots, but to assist them, to render them every facility in their power to have their ballots accepted and counted.

THEIR OATH'S VIOLATED.

But in disregard of their duty, in violation of their oaths, and in fraud of the rights of these voters and of that great constituency, those officers so managed that these voters were unable to put their ballots into the ballot-box. Those ballots were, therefore, preserved by the voters, were placed in a box, and those identical ballots are here today as witnesses, meeting the roaring gentleman from Virginia who is about to leave us and confronting him with the fact that he was not the choice of the lawful voters of that district.

I say the testimony establishes all that; and it must have satisfied the gentleman who represent the other party upon the committee on Elections, or else their proposition to deprive this man of his seat and send him home is a monstrous crime, an unmeasured outrage; for if he was elected, to deprive him of his right under any pretense by the act of this House as asked by the minority of the committee and by this contestee would be a violation of the highest right that any man can have in this Republic—a right to a seat in this House. (Applause)

Therefore, what occasion is there for prolonging discussion? The only bar that is attempted to be reared here to prevent the contestant from enjoying the seat to which he was elected is that these votes were not actually received or counted.

Decisions are quoted in some of the States in support of this doctrine the gentleman from Georgia has called our particular attention to them—to establish the proposition that to count these votes for the contestant would not be in accordance with precedents. Sir, I can not agree to any such proposition. There may have been decisions adverse to the position which the majority of the committee take in this case, and which I trust this House will adopt, but there are precedents on the other side. Precedents in accord with the recommendation of this committee are abundant on every hand, and they are especially in accord with the unbroken line of conduct and decision upon the part of this great House. Reference to a multitude of these authorities is made in the majority report. I have no time to repeat them.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW.

And, sir, over and above all that, it is in accord with the spirit of the law of this great Republic, which provides that where a man is met by certain conditions precedent to the exercise of the right of suffrage and has done all that he could do to comply with those requisites and is prevented from accomplishing it by the unfair practices of others he shall be regarded in law as having complied with the conditions and shall be entitled to vote.

But, it is said, this rule does not apply to the act of voting. Sir, I reply that if this statute is to be chopped off in that manner, it fails to accomplish anything; it is but a mocking pretense: we would be stamping it as worse than worthless if we should put any such construction upon it.

But granting that this proposed action is the establishment of a new rule I would be willing if that were the truth to accept the condition and say, so be it. Let it be the establishment of a new rule. Sir, if you look backward through the centuries along the highway of history where the battles of human freedom, human equality, human progress, human rights, have been fought and won, you will find in each battle and victory the evolution of new conditions necessitating the establishing of new rules to be followed ever afterwards as precedent. (Applause)

It was so, Mr. Speaker, when our rude forefathers secured the Magna Charta and the Petition of Right. When the last Stuart abandoned the throne of England new rules and new precedents were established by the people to secure their rights.

Our forefathers upon these shores when they broke the chains which were attempted to be fastened upon them by the mother country found new conditions and established new precedents.

This House of Representatives, Mr Speaker, which is a supreme law unto itself, the maker of laws, responsible to the people, will if necessary in the ascitainment of the truth, the vindication of right, spurn aside every interfering obstacle, every odious precedent, and establish new rules which meet the approval of all just men in the Republic, and which will be followed by all representative assemblies for all time to come. (Applause.)

Therefore away with this talk about precedent. This adherence to precedent and strict construction is a barrier which tyranny and despotism, which the opponents of human progress, have always uplifted to prevent justice and the enjoyment of just human rights, and when it is used for such purpose I say away with it (applause), but, as I have already stated, we have no occasion to establish any new precedent; we are now, in seating the contestant, but following established precedent.

NO ASSAULT ON VIRGINIA.

I shall waste none of the valuable time of this House in response to the vidication of Virginia by the member of the Committee on Elections from Virginia. There has been no assault on the sovereign State of Virginia, yet my destinguished friend on yesterday occupied an hour and a half in defending the honor Virginia. How in all seriousness, can the adption of a resolution as invoked by the Representatives of Virginia, declaring the seat shall be vacanted, and that we shall put in another Virginiad to keep the seat warm be an assault upon the honor of Virginia? My honorable, my honest, my particular friend seems always called upon whenever Virginia's name is mentioned to rush into the arena brandishing his Damascus blade and like the famed knight, Don Quixote de la Mancha, in the case of his lady love, in defense of Dulcinea shout, "If in the whole world there is a man who dares saa aught against any Virginia Democrat, let the whole world stand, for I am here." (Laughter applause)

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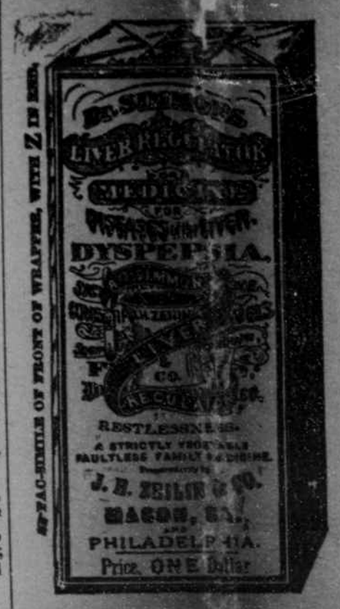

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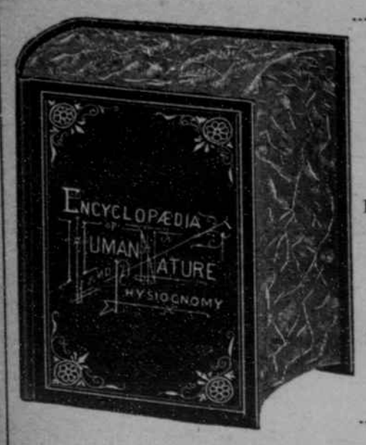

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